

SPORTS

Basketball League

Ahli, Orthodox to meet again to decide winner

AMMAN, Nov. 7 (J.T.) — In the last game of the Basketball League, Al Ahli beat Orthodox Club 82-77. The game was played tonight at the Yarmouk University gymnasium.

Both teams have equal points from their home and away legs. Orthodox won at the first meeting.

According to the championship regulations, another game has to be played between the two teams to decide an outright winner for 1981 season. Eight clubs participated in the Basketball League this year, and the competition was played on a home and away basis.

Karpov postpones 14th game

MERANO, Nov. 7 (R) — Soviet Chess champion Anatoly Karpov postponed his 14th world championship game today against challenger Viktor Korchnoi.

Karpov still leads 4-2 in the series and needs only two wins to retain the title. But Korchnoi's victory yesterday breathed new life into his efforts to wrest the title from his long-standing rival.

The 14th game, which was due to start tonight, will now begin on Monday.

Holmes disposes of Snipes in 11

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 7 (A.P.) — Renaldo Snipes said his fight against Larry Holmes would be history repeating itself, then the challenger almost made it happen last night.

Thirty years ago in Pittsburgh, Jersey Joe Walcott, a 6-1 underdog, won the heavyweight title with a one-punch knockout of Ezzard Charles in the seventh round.

Last night at the civic arena, Snipes caught Holmes flush on the jaw with an overhand right in the seventh round. As the crowd of 14,103 roared, Holmes crashed to the canvas on his side.

Holmes got up quickly, then wobbled back to a neutral corner. But the World Boxing Council champion kept his poise, got through the round and then stopped Snipes with a barrage of right hands in the 11th round, causing referee Rudy Ortega to jump in and halt the fight at 1:05 of the round.

The end of the fight was the beginning of a series of wild and woolly happenings, including a scuffle in which Snipes was accidentally stabbed in his left arm by a pair of scissors, which required his going to a hospital.

Snipes was taken to the central medical centre and hospital, where he required about 40 stitches in his arm. Snipes was released from the hospital about two hours later and as he was wheeled out, his arm in a sling, a reporter asked him how he felt.

"All right," he said.

The doctor who stitched up Snipes, Dr. Paul Kim, said: "He's all right. He cut some of the lower muscles. He was very lucky that no arteries were touched."

Kim said that Snipes won't be boxing "for at least two months." He said the cut was to inches wide and an inch deep.

When Ortega stopped the fight, Snipes took a few steps after the referee saying, "no, no, no."

"It's a championship fight, isn't it?" complained the Rev. Jimmy Williams, Snipes' trainer and father figure. "I told him (Ortega) he had no business stopping the



Referee Ortega separates Holmes away from Snipes and announcing the winner. (A.P. Wirephotos).

fight that night. He agreed with Ortega's decision. "This is the first time I've wanted the referee to stop the fight because I wanted to put him down on the count. But he could have done a hurt."

As the two fighters left the ring to be interviewed on national television, Snipes' manager, Nick Rateni, got into an argument with Holmes' brother, Jake. A scuffle ensued between the two fighters' managers. It was then that Snipes got cut by the scissors.

"He got cut by accident by a pair of scissors," said Rateni. "Someone bumped into somebody behind him. The person behind him was one of his handlers holding the scissors."

Holmes' victory kept alive a \$10m payday with top-ranked Gerry Cooney in March. For a moment in the seventh round, it looked like those millions were going up in smoke.

Holmes, who was 32 years old last Tuesday, was in control of the fight in the first six rounds, employing his poise and finding Snipes an easy target, especially in the fifth round.

In that round, Holmes danced and jabbed. Snipes suddenly caught Holmes with a right to the jaw, bringing a smile to Snipes' face. But Holmes wiped that smile away with a blasting right hand that ripped a hole in Snipes' left eye and behind his ear. Holmes followed with two more head shots, but Snipes got through the round.

In the sixth round, Holmes landed several more head shots at Snipes' cut, smudging most of the champion's white trunks with the shocking right hand.

Snipes did some clowning, but he certainly didn't play any games. And for a few seconds it looked like he might become a world champion.

After Holmes got up after the knock down, his poise came up the fore. He cleared his head and actually had the better of the action for the remainder of the round.

Holmes, who weighed 105-k and had a 7-cm advantage over Snipes, 98-k, used his excellent jab to control the tempo in the eighth and ninth rounds.

But in the 10th, the challenger landed that crushing right again. This time he caught Holmes on the side of the head and shook him. But Holmes quickly moved out of danger and in the next round he picked up the 39th victory of his unbeaten career.

It was the 11th title defence for Holmes and his 10th knockout. It was the 28th knockout of his career. He earned \$1.1m.

Snipes got his title shot with a controversial decision over Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa in a 10-rounder in which he was twice knocked down. It was the third time Holmes was floored in his career.

Snipes, who earned \$150,000, now has a 22-1 record and a lit

United enjoying life at top

LONDON, Nov. 7 (R) — Free spending Manchester United continued to enjoy life to the full at the top of the English soccer First Division with a resounding 5-1 win at Southampton today.

United's total of over £3.5 million in sales this season and manager Ron Atkinson's lucky gambles in the market continued as big signings of Stapleton and Bryan Robson added three to the goals.

There was further good news for United, who moved on to the 29th point mark, ahead of challengers Ipswich and Tottenham both

slipped up at home.

Ipswich were beaten 3-2 by Welsh visitors Swansea, leaving both clubs with 26 points, while Tottenham went down 2-1 against West Bromwich to remain on 24 points.

The 125th cross-city match between arch rivals Liverpool and Everton only came alive after a goalless first half.

Scottish international Kenny Dalglish scored twice within five minutes to put Liverpool two ahead before Ian Rush added a third.

Everton, who finished the game with just 10 men after Eamon O'Keefe was sent off, scored a consolation in the last minute.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ A 10
♥ AK 7
♦ J 7 5 2
♠ A 8 4 3

EAST
♦ J 8 4 2
♥ 4 2
♦ AK 10 9 6 3
♠ Q 8 4

WEST
♦ K Q 7
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ AK 10 9 6 3
♠ Void

EAST
♦ J 8 4 2
♥ 4 2
♦ AK 10 9 6 3
♠ Q 8 4

SOUTH
♦ 9 6 5 3
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ Void
♠ K Q J 7 6

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1 ♣ 1 NT Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
5 ♣ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣.

The presence of high trumps in the dummy often suggests a dummy reversal. Sometimes, even one high trump can be enough.

After North showed the equivalent of a one no trump opening bid with his overcall, South cue-bid the opener's suit in an attempt to locate a 4-4 major fit. When North denied a major, South introduced his long suit, then went on to game when North raised.

West led the king of diamonds and, when dummy appeared, declarer thought the contract would be an absolute cinch. It seemed that one or two spade tricks would be the only losers. But declarer received a rude jolt when, after ruffing the opening lead, he laid down a high trump from his hand and West showed out.

Now declarer could not draw all the trumps, for that would strip both his hand and dummy of trumps and leave him with only ten tricks. Nor could he play on a crossruff, because he might not be able to cash enough hearts to guarantee eleven tricks, and he might get overruffed in spades.

Declarer found a neat way out of his impasse. He crossed to the king of hearts and ruffed a diamond with his remaining low trump. After cashing the queen-jack of trumps, declarer reentered dummy with the ace of spades and used the ace of clubs to draw East's last trump. From his hand, declarer discarded a spade.

It was now a simple matter for declarer to cash the ace of hearts and take two more heart tricks with his queen-jack. That left him with just two spade losers, which he happily conceded to the defenders.

What South did was to increase his trump tricks to six by using two of his trumps as ruffers and scoring four high trumps — the three honors in his hand and the ace in dummy. Added to four heart tricks and the ace of spades, that brought his total to eleven.

One goal saves El Salvador

TEGUCIGALPA, Nov. 7 (R) — El Salvador emerged from an incident-packed clash against Mexico with a 1-0 victory in the Central-North America and Caribbean (CONCACAF) section final of the World Soccer Cup last night.

Six players were booked and one sent off as El Salvador snatched their first win in the six-nation group with a late goal by Hernandez.

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